

Nassau N.P.

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Mrs. Albion W. Tompée

Dear Madam,

The address on the accompanying envelope is the best I could secure from Mr. Ducombe, with whom you were at one time in correspondence about renting his home. I daresay it should read 'Chatteroga' but must trust to luck and the perspicacity of the P.O.

The object of this letter is to ask you for some information as to the climate of Bordeaux - Rents - etc. I am due for promotion and am wondering if Bordeaux would suit me. I can't go to a cold climate. I

Speak French fluently and have lived
a good deal many years ago in Paris.
Does one ever see any of one's countrymen
at Bordeaux or is it too much out of the
 beaten track? Of course I know all
about the wines, markets, restaurants etc.
And how easy it is to keep home almost
anywhere in France. There are only three of
us my wife and Baby girl and I. I
have \$3000 a year besides my salary. Could
we live really well on \$7000 a year?
Here on \$6000 I am according to Nassau
Standards where all are poor accounted
well off. We can have some three or four
people to dine say once a week, and
during the 'Season' somewhere from 15 to

20 people drop in on Sunday afternoons
for a cup of tea. The Steamship
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people kindly deadhead me and mine
so that we all go up my summer to stay
with my Mother. There is I believe a line
from Bordeaux to N.Y. direct but I don't if
they extend equal courtesy to a Com. Doty?

Is Bordeaux very rainy and about how low
does the Mercur fall in winter. I suppose
in the summer we could go to Biarritz.

Anything you can tell me will be gratefully
appreciated. Here I only pay £72 a year
for a very good house on a hill overlooking
the harbour. Are cats cheap?

Yours very truly

Julian S. M. D.

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